A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
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Box No. I Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) (Continuation of item 1.b of the first sheet)

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, the international search was carried out on the basis of:

   a. type of material

   - [X] a sequence listing
   - [ ] table(s) related to the sequence listing

   b. format of material

   - [X] in written format
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   c. time of filing/furnishing

   - [X] contained in the international application as filed
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

claims 1-8, 18-20 (all partially), 9, 12, 13 (completely)

Remark on Protest

☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

Invention 1 : claims 1-8, 18-20 (all partially), 9,12,13 (completely)

Method for HLA typing of HLA-A by the unambiguous determination of short DNA sequence elements at positions 98, 414,539,282,571,368,256,292,238 and 270 simultaneously on both parental alleles at a selected number of positions in HLA -A, comprised of the steps for each position
a) hybridising a combination of oligonucleotides complementary to all known sequence variants to a DNA strand upstream of a given position
b) carrying out a primer extension reaction with at least one of the four dNTP substrates substituted by a terminating analog
c) analysing the products by mass spectrometry, with the resulting masses allowing unambiguous identification of the used primers and added bases; kit for the implementation of such method; use of such method for screening of tissue donors.

Invention 2: 1-8, 18-20 (all partially), 10,14,15 (completely)

Method for HLA typing of HLA-B by the unambiguous determination of short DNA sequence elements at positions 539,419,559,412,272,362,302,363,206 and 369 simultaneously on both parental alleles at a selected number of positions in HLA-B, comprised of the steps for each position
a) hybridising a combination of oligonucleotides complementary to all known sequence variants to a DNA strand upstream of a given position
b) carrying out a primer extension reaction with at least one of the four dNTP substrates substituted by a terminating analog
c) analysing the products by mass spectrometry, with the resulting masses allowing unambiguous identification of the used primers and added bases; kit for the implementation of such method; use of such method for screening of tissue donors.

Invention 3: claims 1-8, 18-20 (all partially), 11,16,17 (completely)

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Method for HLA typing of HLA-DRB1 by the unambiguous determination of short DNA sequence elements at positions 125,196,197,227,261,286,299,308,341 and 345 simultaneously on both parental alleles at a selected number of positions in HLA-DRB1, comprised of the steps for each position
a) hybridising a combination of oligonucleotides complementary to all known sequence variants to a DNA strand upstream of a given position
b) carrying out a primer extension reaction with at least one of the four dNTP substrates substituted by a terminating analog
c) analysing the products by mass spectrometry, with the resulting masses allowing unambiguous identification of the used primers and added bases; kit for the implementation of such method; use of such method for screening of tissue donors.

Inventions 4-246: claim 21 (partially)

Invention 4:
Use of the primer with Seq.ID 1 to carry out HLA typing.
..ibidem for inventions 5-246, i.e. each of the 242 primers listed in table IV,V and VI.

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